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SUBJ: PRESS CARRIES FALSE REPORT THAT USG HAS REQUESTED FURTHER
AUTO TALKS

REF: TOKYO 17125

1. DECEMBER 2 "NIHON KEIZAI" ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT, ACCORDING TO UNNAMED MOT OFFICIAL, USG HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON AUTO IMPORT PROBLEM. ARTICLE STATES TALKS WILL DEAL WITH DATE OF MANUFACTURE ISSUE, SHORTENING OF EXAMINATION PERIOD AND ADOPTING COMMON SAFETY STANDARDS AND TEST METHODS AND THAT THE TALKS MAY BE HELD AS EARLY AS JANUARY, 1977.

2. COMMENT: WE THINK REPORT THAT USG HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS MAY STEM FROM MVMA EBERLE'S DISCUSSION WITH MOT OFFICIAL SON NOVEMBER 15 WHEN HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PURSUING ITEMS LEFT UNFINISHED DURING USG/GOJ TALKS LAST JULY. WE BELIEVE ARTICLE WAS DELIBERATELY FLOATED BY MOT TO INDICATE TWO THINGS-- THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOJ (MOT) TO WORK TOWARD A MODIFICATION OF THE IMPORT APPROVAL PROCEDURE "POROVIDED" THE USG CAN FIND SOME COSMETIC WAY OF GUARANTEEING U.S. MANUFACTURERS DATA, IN REGARD TO BOTH DOM AND SAFETY STANDARDS TESTS. WE SUGGEST WASHINGTON KEEP THIS IN MIND AS A RESPONSE TO TOKYO 17125 IS DRAFTED.

3. FULL TRANSLATION POUCHED TO EB/ITP/TP, RAY MEYER.
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